

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
KINYA KATO ET AL.)
Application No.: N.Y.A.-Based)
on Japanese Priority :
Appln Nos. 11-363832 and)
2000-181169 :
Filed: Concurrently Herewith)
: For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)
PURIFYING POLLUTED SOIL, :
AND APPARATUS FOR)
EMITTING CHLORINE- :
CONTAINING GAS AND)
APPARATUS FOR :
DECOMPOSING POLLUTED GAS)
USING THE SAME : December 20, 2000

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee, please
amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 54 and 55 as follows:

54. (Amended) The apparatus for decomposing a
polluted gas according to claim [52 or] 53, wherein the
polluted soil-containing means or the stirring means is
provided with a concentration-measuring means for measuring
the concentration of a gas emitted from the polluted soil
contained therein.

55. (Amended) The apparatus for decomposing a polluted gas according to claim [52 or] 53, wherein the heating means or the stirring means is controlled depending on the measured values of the concentration-measuring means for measuring the concentration of the gas emitted from the polluted soil.

REMARKS

The claims are 1-62, with claims 1, 2, 27, 28 and 40 being independent. Claims 54 and 55 have been amended in order to correct improper dependancies. No new matter has been added.

Favorable consideration and early passage to issue are respectfully requested.

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